

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students whose wholehearted support of sportsmanship, athletic training, and team cooperation has been evident throughout the competitive season; and

**Whereas**, Linda Rivers has attained distinction as an eighth grader for her accomplishments as Manager for the Heartland Lady Mustangs basketball team which competes in the Class 3A level of Missouri Christian School Athletic Association sanctioned events; and

**Whereas**, Linda's assistance of coaches and players during varsity basketball practice and games helped her Belton, Missouri, team reach State Champion status for the third consecutive year; and

**Whereas**, the Heartland Mustangs of Belton ended the season on February 22, 2003, with a 21-7 win-loss record after overcoming championship challenges from Christian Academy of St. Louis, 49 to 14; Christian Fellowship of Columbia, 58 to 33; and Church on the Rock in St. Peters, 36 to 34; and

**Whereas**, Linda Rivers was joined in her highly productive management activities by senior players, Hannah Johnson, Tabitha Osier, and Stephanie Yoakum; juniors, Courtney Keller and Charity Davis; sophomore, Priscilla Davis; freshmen, Lauren Burkhead, Leslie DeBrot, and Megan Dellaguardia; eighth-graders, Sarah Yoakum and Sarah Malone; and seventh-graders, Katlyn Kralik, Brittany Hale, and Whitney Mushinski; and

**Whereas**, the 2002-2003 Heartland Lady Mustangs were admirably trained and coached by Head Coach David Baker, Assistant Coaches Jeff Johnson and Kaleen Phipps, and Bench Coach Debbie Osier with the help of Linda Rivers and her fellow Managers, Chung Tran, Danielle Richards, and Jessica Anders:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exemplary contributions of Linda Rivers to the Heartland High School girls basketball team and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations for her team's third successful journey to the Missouri Christian School Class 3A state championships and our best wishes for continued personal success for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Linda Rivers of the Heartland Lady Mustangs.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brian Baker  
District No. 123

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1859, adopted April 15, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker